Schools adopted by Sports Authority of India

*31. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools adopted by Sports Authority of India;

(b) the number of children selected during the last year under the scheme for spotting and nurturing of sports talent; and

(c) the amount and the form of assistance provided thereunder, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) 63 schools have been adopted by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the scheme of Spotting and Nurturing of Sports Talent (NSTC) as on 18th Feb. 1988.

(b) 362 children (including 50 as reserves) were selected during the year 1986-87 under this Scheme.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Under the NSTC scheme, financial assistance is given to the adopted schools for the creation and improvement of sports infrastructure upto Rs. 5 lakhs as one-time grant and a maintenance grant of Rs. 50,000/- per year thereafter. The scheme also provides for meeting expenses on board and lodging, tuition fees, sports kit etc. for the NSTC children.

2. Financial assistance is also given to the States/UTs for holding of NSTC contests at District and State levels, at the rate of Rs. 3,000 per District for the District level contest and Rs. 2000 per District for participation in the State level contest and Rs. 500 for publicity.

3. Amounts released under the scheme during the financial year 1986-87, State-wise, is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV Annexure No. 5]

Demonstration flights by Foreign Civilian Aircrafts in India

*32. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some civilian aircraft were allowed to make demonstration flights last year;

(b) if so, what are the details of the aircraft so allowed during 1987; and

(c) what are the details of their performance?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A British Aerospace aircraft type BAe 146 and a Piper Chevenne aircraft were allowed to give demonstration flights during 1987.

(c) Demonstration flights are meant to acquaint possible users with the aircraft. Evaluation of performance involves a detailed study and demonstration flights constitute a small portion of such studies.

Vayudoot Service in M.P.

*33. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places which have been connected with the Vayudoot Services in Madhya Pradesh so far; and

(b) the names of the places in that State which are likely to be connected by this service during the financial year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Vayudoot has provided services to Bhopal, Guna, Gwalior and Indore in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Services to Bhopal, Guna and Gwalior have however, been suspended temporarily. Vayudoot has plans to restore services to these stations as well as to commence operations to Bilaspur after induction of aircraft capacity.

(b) Subject to development of infrastructure, availability of aircraft capacity and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Jagdalpur and Bhilai during the current plan period.

Report of National Expert Committee on Women Prisoners

*34. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Expert Committee on Women Prisoners has submitted its report;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether Government have considered the report; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government on the recommendations of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1st June, 1987.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to assist the Government of India to implement the various recommendations of the Committee, a Working Group comprising the representatives of the Ministries and Departments concerned, as well as the Central Social Welfare Board has been set up to examine the Report and to make specific recommendations with respect to each aspect of the Report, as well as a time bound schedule of followup action, wherever considered feasible and necessary.

Railway expansion projects in Orissa

*35. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway expansion projects received from Orissa Government during the last three years; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government on each of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Government of Orissa has been suggesting construction of following new railway lines:

(i) Jakhapura-Banspani

(ii) Talcher-Sambalpur

(iii) Koraput-Rayagada

(iv) Khurda Road-Bolangir

(v) Bargarh-Raipur

(vi) Amagura-Kesinga

(vii) Talcher-Bimlagarh

(viii) Gopalpur-Berhampur

(iv) Jeypore-Malkanagiri

(b) (i) Jakhapura-Daitari section of Jakhapura-Banspani line has been completed.

(ii) Construction of Talcher-Sambalpur line has been taken up and is being progressed according to availability of resources.

(iii) Construction of Koraput-Rayagada line has been accorded high priority for completion.